## Socialism

Is It Possible or Necessary? A Study of Some Social Problems.

BY NORMAN B. DRESSER.

That there is a growing interest in social and economic questions is shown by the large attendance at any meetings where these questions are discussed. At every one of Bishop Spaiding's lectures on social reform the church was crowded to its fullest capacity by interested audiences. Emma Goldman's lectures were also largely attended. Probably many attended from currolisty, but more went to learn what solution of the social problems of these questions. People are asking of these questions. People are asking why should we have these recurrings seasons of depression? Why should there be so many men anxious to work but unable to obtain it? Why, in a lich country like this, should there be so many men anxious to work in large the workingman into a position by the large attendance at any meetings why should we have these recurrings.

In Germany which has protection. If free trade should result in increasing in the trade Engand at action. If free trade should result in increasing in the position, in the working many which has protection. If free trade should result in increasing the cost of distribution, smashing a few trusts, and reducing the cost of some goods, it would be followed by a reduction of wages as close to the margin of subsistence as before.

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attention to these questions has some services, but rather to the comparative service regulations. Their wages would explanation of our industrial trouble and some certain panacea that will cure Skill, education and knowledge are of employment less, the conditions of la-Some believe financial legislation is the remedy; others think that ers only when they are not universal. tinuous employment and advancement of the ers only when they are not universal. would be greater. With profits elimall we need is a readjustment of the The work of the section hand is just as would be greater. With profits elimtariff; still others think that the dissolution of the trusts would bring peace and prosperity to all. A growing number are coming to believe that Socialism is the only remedy. That capitalism and the wage system must be abolished, and all the means of production and distribution must be owned and operated by the whole people; that we must have an industrial democracy as well as a political democracy.

Bishop Spalding is evidently of this

number. He gave a very complete exposition of the principles of Socialism; the arguments in its favor and some of the superficial arguments made against it. I propose in these papers to take up the subject from a somewhat different ger of being overcrowded. It is quite standpoint. To inquire if capitalism is the real oppressor of labor and should be abolished. If the wage system, with some important changes, may not give the laborer the full reward for his toil recognize this fact by attempting to and provide fuller rewards for individual efforts than are proposed by Socialism; to see if the competitive system, under certain conditions, may not able addition to the number of workbe a means of progress rather than the ers in a trade will inevitably reduce deadly struggle which is now is.

Some Proposed Remedies Examined.

Bishop Slapding pointed out the in-efficiency of some of the proposed rem-edles. He showed that charity, however generous, was simply a palliative. That its tendency is to pauperize. That

lieves that if the working men were of industrial depression is generally a this is the chief advantage claimed for frugal and economical he might place himself in an independent position. He might, indeed, become a capitalist him-Now, thrift and frugality are adifrable qualities, and if some workers ad exercised these virtues during the past few years they would not be and penniless today. But what would happen if these virtues dustrial Workers of the World hope to were to become universal? If any considerable number of working men were to cut down the expense of living and save 10, or 15, or 20 per cent of their panic. It would lessen the demand for accept whatever terms the workers goods to just the extent of their saygoods to just the extent of their sav-ings. It would create what we would call overproduction or underconsump-ble, it would result in an equally comcall overproduction or underconsumption, and throw thousands of men out of employment who were producing the goods which the economical laborer was ceasing to purchase. On the other hand, it would cause a general reduction of wages. For since a large body of working men could subsist upon 10, or 15, or 20 per cent less wages competition among working men for work would make them willing to accept that much less for the sake of obtaining work, for wages depend on what a man can live on, not on what he can save. Who is more frugal and saving than a Chinaman? He can live on 5 cents a day in his own country, yet I never to save tition of the sake of obtaining work are small indeed. Such a plan is impossible of realization; but there is a better way, a peaceful and natural way.

Trusts Here to Stay.

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President Roosevelt and many others believe that the trusts are the great national menace, and should be disfirst Presbyterian church. of working men could subsist upon 10, Chinaman? He can live on 5 cents a national menace, and should be disday in his own country, yet I never

wealthy on his savings there; and who wants to live like a Chinaman? If any like in the trusts are here to stay. They are a natural evolution of wants to live like a Chinaman? If any lour industrial system. These combinations are here to lift M. E. Church—Ninth East and First South. D. M. Helmick, pastor. Preaching service at II a. m. and 8 p. m. considerable number of working men, by extreme frugality, were able to live tions of capital arise from the unnatural competition which also forces laon 50 and 25 cents per day, their wages would very nearly approach these figwould very nearly approach these figures. We see this by the sweatshop workers in the great cities, who are able to live on a mere pittance, and able to live on a mere pittance, and the gradual merging of the railways of the sweatshop of the sweatshop arate corporations than it is to dissolve them back into septomers byterian church beginning Monday evening there will be no prayer meeting at this church Wednesday evening. 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Our Greek and Italian fellow-workmen are frugal and saving, yet labor-saving device and results in econthey are not held up as examples for the American working man to emulate. omy of production, and while nearly the benefits of this lessened cost go at 7 p. m. In fact, I recall that certain Salt Lake to the trust rather than the consumer. editors deplored the fact that several the unreasonable profits they approthousand of them recently left the west priate come from certain privileges for their homes in Europe and took they enjoy rather than from their great their savings with them. These editors aggregation of capital. To deprive evidently believed that these foreigners them of their unjust profits and give should have spent their money here, in- the public the advantages of the econstead of taking it out of the country, omy of production which trusts effect and wendered how the United States it is not necessary to dissolve them or could survive such a drain of its money. for the people to own the trusts. It is Let me here refute the common fallacy only necessary to deprive them of the that foreign laborers can take any of special privileges which they enjoy so our money out of the country, or that that they can receive only the legitithey leave in this country only the few mate profits to which true capital is dollars they have spent for their frugal justly entitled. But suppose the trusts living. As a matter of fact, for every were destroyed and were made comdollar they are supposed to have taken peting corporations, and that as a retangible wealth of the country in the products of its mines and mills, in the increased value of its railways, its irrigation ditches, its streets, sewers, etc. What these working men do is to leave with the bankers or postmaster of Salt Lake City or New York, or some other American city, every dollar of their savings. They receive a draft or order in exchange for their money, and them out of the United States they have sult of this competition the prices of in exchange for their money, and they change these drafts back into the money of their own country when they get there. These drafts and orders are finally settled for by the products of the farms, the mills and the mines of tection to labor. It is some protection to labor. It is some protection to labor. 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So that all the savings that foreigners take home with them, or the \$500,000,000 American tourists annually spend in Europe do not lessen the circulating medium of this country by a dollar. There is no international money. International trade is effected by an ex-There is no international money. In-ternational trade is effected by an ex-can workingman's job away from him

That there is a growing interest in will solve the problem of poverty and social and economic questions is shown raise the workingman into a position should the relations between capital are told that there is always room at if a million and a half railway emand labor be growing more and more the top. But it is only because so few ployes, and a hundred thousand telewould inevitably reduce wages in those departments of labor. The higher wages the skilled workman receives is not due to the superior value of his antagonistic? And is it not possible to get to the top. Any considerable num- graph operators were government emhave such a condition of society that ber added to the ranks of skilled labor ployes under a thoroughly efficient civinvoluntary poverty shall be unknown would inevitably reduce wages in those il service system, it would result in Nearly every one who has given any not due to the superior value of his postoffice departments under such civil superior advantage as productive powgineer and if locomotive engineers were as plentiful as section men, and section men were as scare as locomotive engineers their wages would be retrade which can be readily and inexit and reduces wages is shown by the automobile industry. This industry grew so rapidly that there was a great demand for chauffeurs. This demand and private instruction that wages began to fall and a trade paper recently stated that the profession was in danconceivable that wages of chauffeurs no more difficult to learn. Labor unions shall be employed in the trades they control. They know that any consider-

Effect of Labor Unions.

It is a selfish motive, but selfishness

organized charity, while more efficient, takes away the personal element. He showed that enlightened selfishness, which is relied upon by some, could never be general. He might also have been of immense value in reducing the hours of labor, in improving shown that the employer, however generously inclined, cannot pay higher wages than his competitor and hope to survive in the struggle for business, and that it is the most selfish and greedy employer of labor in any industry that determines the general dustry that determines the general conditions. These more often fail dustry that determines the general conditions of wages in that industry.

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solved. But the trusts are here to

The Iniquitous Tariff. So with the tariff. There are probcan workingman's job away from him at a lower wage. As a means of raisof money.

Another class of would-be saviors of society, of whom Andrew Carnegie is a conspicuous example, believes that book learning and technical education at a lower wage. As a means of raising revenue, the tariff is equally indefensible. It is an expensive, unequal and scientific system. Absolute free trade is the only true method of taxation, and under it alone can productrade is effected by an excan workingman's job away from him at a lower wage. As a means of raising revenue, the tariff is equally indefensible. It is an expensive, unequal and scientific system. Absolute free trade is the only true method of taxation, and under it alone can producing revenue, the tariff is equally indefensible. It is an expensive, unequal and scientific system. Absolute free trade is the only true method of taxation, and under it alone can producing revenue, the tariff is equally indefensible. It is an expensive, unequal and scientific system. Absolute free trade is the only true method of taxation, and under it alone can producation of the control of t

duction and consumption, but as far as the workingman is concerned, it makes little difference whether he is under protection or free trade. There is as much poverty and unemployed labor in free trade England as there is in Germany which has protection. If

scarcity of those able to do this work. undoubtedly be higher, their hours of bor better and the certainty of connecessary as that of the locomotive en- inated and discriminations' abolished, railway charges could be greatly reduced and equalized. The better conditions of the service would also draw into these employments the best of versed. How quickly a high-salaried men and might result in slightly raising wages in other employments. The pensively learned attracts workers to same results would follow to a limited degree if each municipality owned its own street railway and lighting and telephone systems as should be the case. There is as much reason for a was so readily met by technical schools city owning these as for owning its waterworks. No city should turn over municipal management the charges for street car service, lighting and other may finally drop to that of a good public functions now undertaken by coachman, or to that of any other trade private corporations could be greatly reduced and the service improved, as has been proved in hundreds of cases restrict the number of apprentices that in the United States and elsewhere. But suppose, through the governnent ownership of railways and other national utilities, and municipal ownership of municipal utilities, a great saving should be effected and the cost wages in that trade to the average of goods considerably reduced, who would get the benefit? Not the capwages in other trades not so restricted italist as a capitalist, nor the wageearner. Competition among the makers and sellers of goods would reduce their profits to the same average re-A great many believe that labor turn as before, while competition successful, but in times archy profits have been eliminated, and government and municipal ownership. In my article next Sunday I will

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

that the surplus value created by la-

bor goes to the capitalist.

Methodist.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.—Corner Second East and Second South streets, Dr. Francis Burgette Short, pastor. Class meeting at 10:30 a. m., Dr. Short, leader; preaching at 11 a. m., subject: "Now and Then?" for capital can live longer without profits than labor can without wages. Now if the only hope of labor is in an open warfare or an armed truce with Stearns, superintendent; Epworth Leagu at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. C. G. Plummer, leader First Presbyterian church.

Settle, superintendent. On account of union revival services at the First Pres-

Second Methodist Episcopal Church. Eleventh South and Fourth East, J. G. Cairus, pastor. Sabbath school at 10 a. m.; Easter concert by the Sabbath school

Heath Methodist Episcopal Church— Third South and Eighth West, J. G. Cai-rus, pastor. Sabbath school at 10 a. m.; Easter concert by the Sabbath school at Il a. m.; Epworth league at 6:45 p. m.; preaching service at 7:30. Mr. Wanless will preach in the evening.

Norwegian and Danish M. E. Church—523 South Fourth East, H. I. Hansen, uastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., and at 11 a. m. a short program by the children; the pastor will close the service with a talk on Christ's first meeting with the apostles as they were gathered together on the evening of the first Easter day. All Scandinavian people most cordially invited.

### Baptist.

East Side Baptist church, Third South the primary department, 12:30 p. m. Junior meeting at 4 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.

First Baptist church.-Rev. D.

Rio Grande mission chapel.—Second South, between Ninth and Tenth West. Sunday school at 10 a. m., A. M. Flynn, superintendent.

### Presbyterian.

at 11 a. m., subject, "The Resurrection and the Church." Preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Resurrection and the Individual." Sunday school at 12:15, lesson, "The Resurrection." Christian En-

Lutheran.

German Lutheran, St. John's church.
Seventh South and State streets. William J. Lankow, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preparatory service at 10 bration of holy communion, at 10:30 a. m.; subject of sermon, "Our Easter Festival."

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454 South Fourth East. William J. Lankow, pastor. No Sunday school. Divine service, with celebration of holy communion, at 3 p. m.; subject of sermon, "Our Easter Festival." Everybody welcome. The Danish Evangelical Lutheran church.—Haroid Jenson, pastor; residence 61 E street. High mass service at 3 p 61 E street. High mass service at 3 pm. at the Swedish Lutheran church, corner of Second South and Fourth East. The children's choir will render the rewaterworks. No city should turn over sponsoirs. Sunday school, conducted in its streets to private corporations for the English language, at 2 p. m. All their profit. Under a wise system of Danish and Norwegian people cordially

Swedish Lutheran.—Second South and Fourth East, Emanuel Rydberg, pastor; Easter services; Early service, 6:30 a. m.; sermon, subject: "At the Grave"; song, "Nu Herren as Uppstanden," choir; song, "Blest Easter Day," Sunday school; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m.; subject, "The Necessity of Resurrection"; song, "Frojdens i Gud," choir; song, "Upp Min Tunga," Sunday school; Easter song service. 8 p. m. Song 61, congregation; liturgy; song, "Brif Kvar Hosnig," choir; scripture; song, "Blow Ye the Trumpets," Sunday school; sermon, subject: "At Emmaus"; song, "Nu Herreh," choir; song, "Jesus High in Glory," Sunday school; liturgy; song 70. Swedish Lutheran.-Second South and

St Peter's Chapel-657 North Second

All revenues for the use of society should be drawn from the values society alone creates, and not from production and consumption but as far

### Scientist.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-Federation hall, room 1, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. preaching by Elder E. C. Briggs; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Bible class at 6 p. m.

Central Christian church, Fourth East and Fifth South streets, Rev. Albert Buxton, Ph.D., pastor.—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m., W. B. Lepper, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m., Miss Ethel Hardy, president; Junior Endeavor Friday at 4 p. m., Mrs. Buxton, superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Dr. Buxton's ser-Wednesday evening. Dr. Buxton's sermon topic, "Awakening of Spring in the Soul." Sunday night the choir will render a cantata, with other special music, in place of the regular service.

### Unitarian.

First Unitarian society, 138 South Second East street. William Thurston Brown, minister.— Preaching at II a. m., subject, "Reasons for Belief in Personal Immortality and Relation of This Belief to Life." Special Easter music by Unity quartet. Easter Sunday school exercises at 12:15 p. m. Lloyd alliance of liberal women Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. J. F. Cowan will read a paper on "Buddhism. Cowan will read a paper on "Buddhism, the Essenes, and Jesus." A Kensington will follow. Social Science club Friday at 8 p. m. Rev. John C. Mitchell of Boise will lecture on "The Scientific Exposition of Immortality." Rummage sale on Sat-

### Congregational.

First Congregational Church-Fourth East and First South, Elmer I. Goshen, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; no evening service.

Phillips Congregational Church-Fifth

ENTIRE FOOT A SOLID SORE.

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Whenever a sore refuses to heal, it is because of bad blood. If the place existed simply because the flesh was diseased at that particular spot, it would be an easy matter to apply some remedy directly to the ulcer that would kill the germ; or the diseased flesh might be removed by a surgical operation and a cure effected. But the very fact that old sores resist every form of local or external treatment, and even return after being cut away, shows that back of them is a morbid cause which must be removed before a cure can result.

The impurities in the blood which keep old sores open, come from different causes. A long spell of debilitating sickness, which breeds disease germs in the system, is a common source. These morbid impurities get into the circulation, and the blood becomes a polluted, infectious fluid, which, instead of

nourishing the fibres and tissues of the flesh, irritates and ulcerates them, and continually discharges its impurities into the open sore, and prevents the place from healing. Another cause for bad blood is the retention in the system of the refuse and waste matters of the body. Those members whose duty it is to carry off the useless accumulations, become dull and sluggish in their action and leave their work imperfectly done, and this fermenting matter is absorbed into the circulation. The weakening or polluting of this vital fluid may also come from the results of some constitutional disease, while persons who are born with an hereditary blood taint are very apt to be afflicted with sores and ulcers.

Local or external applications can not cure an old sore, because they do not reach the blood. Such treatment may reduce the inflammation, lessen the pain and discharge, and tend to keep the place clean, and for this reason should be used, but it can do no real good toward effecting a permanent cure.

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